

Gr. 2, Theme 1, Story 2
Julius, Fluency

granddaddy	wintered	reason	surprise	special
newspaper	always	polar	imitation	noise
sharing	towels	slurped	flour	wanted

Maya's granddaddy lived in Alabama but wintered in Alaska.
He told Maya that was the reason he liked ice cubes in his coffee.
On one of Granddaddy's visits from Alaska, he brought a crate.
A surprise for Maya! "Something that will teach you
fun and sharing." Granddaddy smiled. "Something for
my special you." Maya hoped it was a horse
or an older brother. She'd always wanted one or the other.
But it was a pig. A big pig. An Alaskan pig,
who did a polar bear imitation and climbed out of the crate.
Julius had come. Maya's parents didn't think that they would
like Julius. He showed them no fun, no sharing.
Maya loved Julius, though, so he stayed. There never was
enough food in the house after Julius came to stay.
He slurped coffee and ate too much peanut butter.
He would roll himself in flour when he wanted Maya
to bake him cookies. Julius made big messes and spread

the newspaper everywhere before anyone could read it.

He left crumbs on the sheets and never picked up his towels.

Julius made too much noise. He'd stay up late watching old movies,

and he'd always play records when everybody else wanted to read.

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